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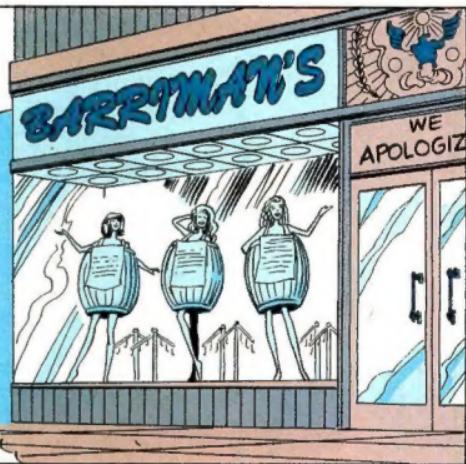
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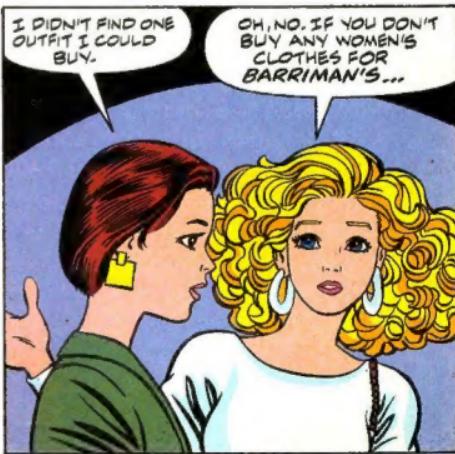
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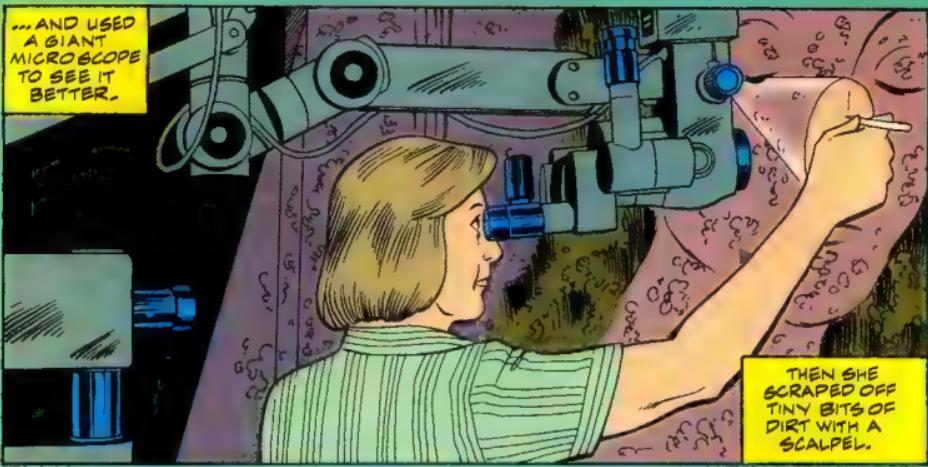
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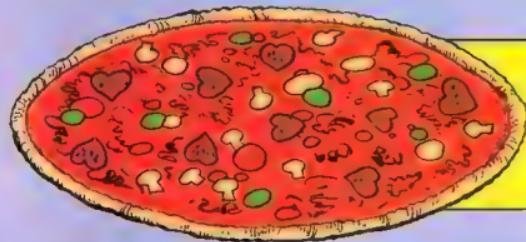
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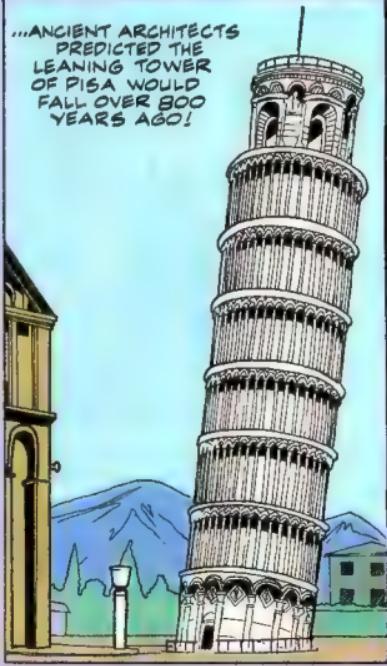
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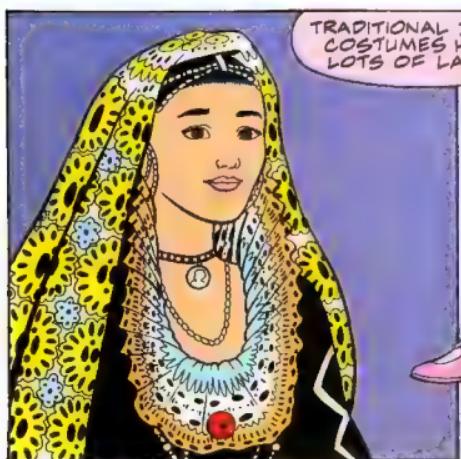
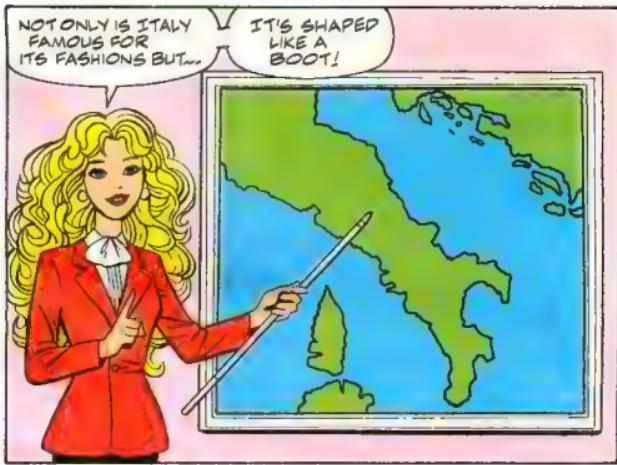
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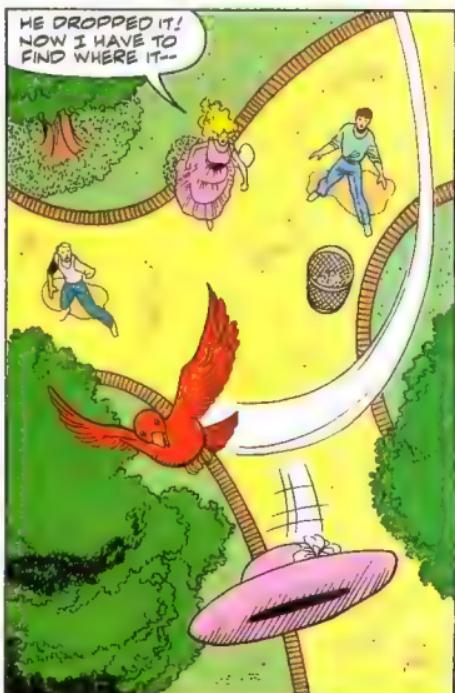


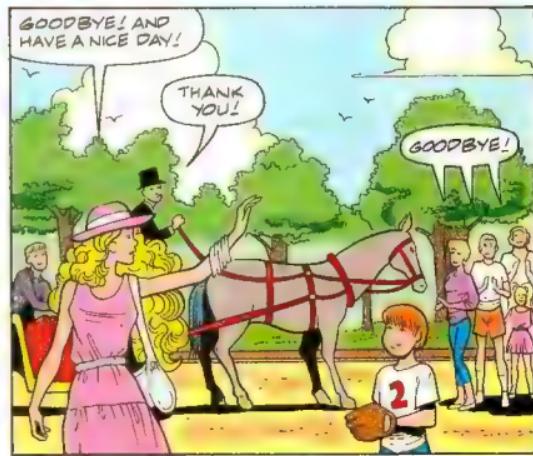
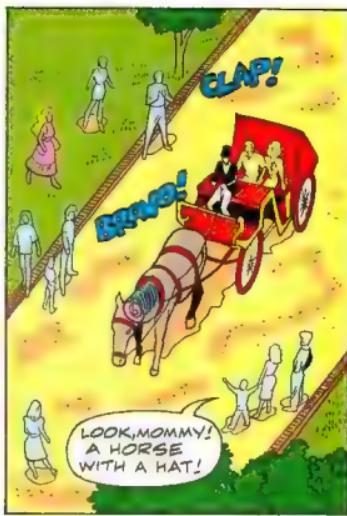
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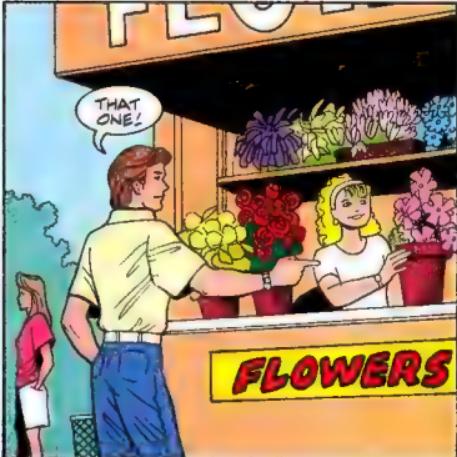
SUNDAY IN THE PARK WITH KEN.

OH KEN! IT'S A WONDERFUL DAY FOR A PICNIC!

YES IT IS, BARBIE. AND YOU LOOK BEAUTIFUL IN YOUR HAT.

THANK YOU, KEN. IT'S BRAND NEW!

...BUT IT LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING IS MISSING.



AND SOON...

HERE, BARBIE - THIS WILL GO PERFECTLY ON YOUR NEW HAT.

OH KEN! HOW DID YOU KNOW IT'S JUST WHAT THIS HAT NEEDED?!



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STAN'S SOAPBOX

Hi, Heroes.

I've got a Hulk-sized problem that needs your indulgence! There's a great new book coming off the presses which I know you won't want to miss. But if I urge you to buy it, it'll seem as if I'm huckstering a product, and you know that Mr. Sincerity would never ever be guilty of such a thing! Yet, if I don't tell you, I'll be doing the hapless hordes of Marveldom a grave and irrevocable injustice!

Therefore, I'll simply tip you off to this incredibly wonderful publication without mentioning anything about your buying it. The act of purchasing is up to you, while the blameless act of enlightenment is my responsibility! A sneaky solution perhaps, but we live in a savage world!

So here's the skinny — and it's a blast! Harry N. Abrams, one of the world's most prestigious publishers of art books, has just produced a mammoth-sized, super deluxe, full-color, four hundred pages-plus history of Marvel Comics called (logically enough) "MARVEL, Five Fabulous Decades of the World's Greatest Comics!" Not only will you find it in thousands of comic shops, but also wherever books are sold in the finest and most exclusive book stores throughout the world!

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Okay, I kept my word! I didn't tell you to buy the big, magnificent, treasure trove of comics called "MARVEL, Five Fabulous Decades of the World's Greatest Comics!" But after you see it, I dare you not to!

Excelsior!

Change. It's all around us. Not just the kind that you find in your pockets or on the sidewalks. We're talking about the types of change you find in life. Change affects all of us in our everyday lives, from the highest big shot smarty pants executive, all the way down to the lowliest most humble working stiff. Here at Marvel, we like to think we're part of the great galactic food chain, just producing our share of consumables to prevent us from being consumed. And as you can imagine, a company of our size goes through a lot of changes.

Just as Col. Blake was replaced by Col. Potter . . . just as Mr. Roper was replaced by Mr. Furley . . . just as Dick Sargent was replaced by Dick York (or was it the other way around? We never could get that straight!) so, too, do changes occur here in the Marvel offices.

Sometimes all it takes is for one guy to leave, and that sets off a flurry of movement, a burst of motion, a sudden gust of activity, with winds up to 90 miles per hour. It all started when AVENGERS editor Howard Mackie, who may already be a winner in the Publishers' Clearinghouse Giveaway, announced he was going freelance. Since Howard's GHOST RIDER series has proven to be the hottest thing since Iotul, Howard felt the time was right to bolt from his staff position like a motorcyclist out of Hades.

As soon as he found out Howard was on the verge of leaving, Len Kaminski, who is not a doctor but he plays one on TV, skedaddled over to the office of Ralph Macchio (who is quick with a joke or a light of your smoke). This necessitated Howard hiring a new assistant, Richard Ashford, who speaks two languages — British and English. With Howard out of the picture, Richard was left without a boss. Since most of Howard's books were going to Nel Yomtov, who never could tell which one was Starsky and which one was Hutch, Richard decided he would go with them and he wound up as Nel's assistant.

In all the hubbub, Tom Brevoort, who's never seen a purple cow (and hopes he never sees one) was promoted to managing editor, with Serra Mossoff (who'd rather see than be one) signing on as his assistant. Tom is now responsible for MARVEL MASTERWORKS and the all-new monthly DEATHLOK series. Kelly Corvese (who didn't understand Twin Peaks, but thinks he's finally figured out who shot J.R.) was also promoted to Managing Editor, and one of his first projects will be launching an all-new LUKE CAGE series! With Kelly moving out, this left Terry Kavanagh, who has been alive forever and wrote the very first song, without an assistant. So Terry hired former editorial assistant Mark Powers, who, say what you will about him, at least he got the trains to run on time.



Somewhere in the middle of all this commotion, Glenn Herding, who if he could walk that way wouldn't need the talcum powder, was promoted to Submissions Editor. Beaming aboard as his assistant was Pat Garrahy, who remembers only you can prevent forest fires. Glenn and Pat will also be working on custom comics, and the semi-regular DESTROYER series (which works out well, as both Glenn and Pat are semi-regular kinds of guys).

Amidst all this hoopla, we bid a fond farewell to staff letterer supreme Chris Eliopoulos, who's badder than old King Kong and meaner than a junkyard dog. Chris, too, has joined Howard Mackie in the wild and wacky world of freelance. Taking Chris's place on staff was John Babcock, who would like to both swing on a star and carry Moonbeams home in a jar . . . if only he could find a big enough jar.

We also bid a fond farewell to Bullpenner Bettie Ringma, who could run the fifty yard dash in under an hour. Bettie's replacement is Fung Ming Ma, who hails from Hong Kong, and walks softly but carries a big stick. Fung Ming picked a good time to join the Marvel staff, since many of your favorite Bullpenners will be appearing in this month's issue of SPIDER-MAN #15! This issue features the Impossible Man, who has always wanted his own comic book, and will stop at nothing to get it! Spidey's in there, too, of course, trying to stop Impy from destroying the Marvel offices! There are plenty of surprise guests, who are so offbeat, we couldn't even begin to name them! (Toxic Avenger, Night Cat — oops, sorry. We couldn't resist.) But wait — you haven't heard the best part yet. The cover of each issue of SPIDER-MAN #15 will be individually numbered! No two will be exactly the same! There will only be several hundred thousand copies printed, so you'll have to act fast to get one of each! Collect them all!

In closing, we'll note one final change that recently occurred.

It was with heavy hearts and heavy hands that we said goodbye to the NEW MUTANTS after its 100th issue. Alas, the book had stopped living up to its title after issue one. Clearly something had to be done. And so, it is with great pomp and circumstance that this month we introduce the all-new X-FORCE #1, thus fulfilling our postal obligation to have at least four titles beginning with the letter "X." Each copy of X-FORCE #1 will include one of four different trading cards, so you may want to consider taking a second job. You're going to need extra income by the time the all-new X-MEN #1 comes out in August!

Remember, you don't have to buy one copy of every Marvel Comic every month . . . but it sure helps!

AUGUST COOLOMETER



LETTERS TO



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Write to: BARBIE Comics, 387 Park Avenue South, New York, NY 10016

Hey, kids — Since we print your name, age, city and state, please include them on your letters.

Dear BARBIE,

Hi! My name is Christine Ford and I am 9-1/2 years old. I like BARBIE comics and everything Barbie.

I have a friend named Rozella Jones. She is a Barbie collector. She has over 1,000 Barbies.

Every other Saturday me and a few other girls go to Rozella's house and trade Barbie Trading Cards. We have so much fun!

Please continue publishing BARBIE comics. I love to read them!

Christine Ford, age 9-1/2
Paducah, KY

We will continue to publish both BARBIE and BARBIE FASHION every month. Christine. Our readers all seem to be enjoying them very much — from girls your age, to Barbie collectors like your friend Rozella, to comic book collectors. Read on for letters from these other types of Barbie readers.

Dear BARBIE,

I enjoy the artwork and the short storylines of BARBIE and BARBIE FASHION. I look forward to seeing more issues. Just next time, be careful on your colors. There were times I couldn't tell Christine from Teresa. Either that, or make your characters look a little more different. Maybe different hairstyles.

Once again, I'll put these magazines on my shelf with my 350 dolls — the homes, cars, pets, etc. are more than I can count!

By the way, I'm 20 years old. I've loved Barbie since 1982. That's almost ten years now! (Wow!)

Brenda Brown, age 20
Ann Arbor, MI

Thanks for the friendly suggestions, Brenda. We'll pass them on! It's nice to hear from a longtime Barbie-lover and collector!

Dear BARBIE,

I did not get the first comic book, but I did enjoy the second one. Thank you for writing the tips if you see a lost bird. I was reading the letters that the other girls wrote. Most of the girls said something about a Barbie Credit Card for the Barbie Comics Readers Club. Did they get it in the first comic book? I would like to be a member of the club, too. Please tell me how.

Oops, I forgot to introduce myself! My name is Jane Weiner. I am 8-1/2 years old. I have one sister and three brothers. Their names are Dave, Matt, Sally, and Jeff. My mom's name is Sandy. My dad's name is

Stuart. My mom and dad have the same initials S.J.W. and S.J.W.

Jane Weiner, age 8-1/2
Red Bank, NJ

Hi, Jane! Yes, a Barbie Pink Card came with the first issue of BARBIE. The good news is that you don't need a Pink Card to be a part of the club!

You are already a member of Barbie's club because you read and enjoy BARBIE! You can see what other members of the club think about BARBIE and all kinds of Barbie dolls and toys by reading this space each month!

Dear BARBIE,

My friends and I are probably Barbie's biggest fans. I have the Barbie car, house, kitchen, desk, living room set, nursery set, bedroom set, bath tub, beauty set, Western Fun Barbie, Barbie Surf'n Shop, and about 15 Barbies. I even made a swingset for my Barbies.

I like to draw, run races, jump rope, and explore. My best friend and I like to explore the huge woods behind my house. I also babysit. I usually babysit my 2 year-old neighbor. His name is David. I use my babysitting money to buy some of my Barbie stuff. I have liked Barbie ever since I was about 5 or 6 years old. I like school. I'm in the 4th grade. I have a very funny teacher.

Melissa Diller, 4th grade
Chaska, MN

Wow! You sure have a lot of Barbie stuff, Melissa! It's great to hear that you earn some of the money to buy your Barbie dolls yourself! Great job!

To BARBIE,

I like BARBIE comics and I want to know when the other comics and books of Barbie are going to come out.

I wish Barbie was in New Jersey so I could see her. I wish that Barbie lived with me so we could have fun together. She could be my sister. We could eat together and have good fun together with my toys and books and good things to eat and play with.

Kesha Adkins
Newark, NJ

Marvel publishes two comics a month that feature Barbie, Kesha: BARBIE and BARBIE FASHION. Hope you like them both!

Dear BARBIE,

Barbie, I want to come to your house. I want you to come to my house. I want to go to Maxie's house. I want Maxie to come to my house.

I like your comic books. I like your video. *Barbie and the Rockers*. I am 4 years old.

Michelle Tellez, age 4
Tucson, AZ

We're glad that you like BARBIE, Michelle. Barbie and Maxie are so busy doing all the things you read about here every month that they won't be able to come to your house. Thanks for asking, though!

Dear Barbie,

I love your comics. My favorite was issue #4. That's the one with "Souper Duper," "Tennis, Anyone?" and "Rain, Rain, Go Away."

I am 11 years old and I am a major comic freak. I read SHE-HULK, X-MEN, WHAT IF . . . ?, WHAT THE—?, EXCALIBUR, X-FACTOR, FANTASTIC FOUR, SPIDER-MAN, CLOAK AND DAGGER, AVENGERS, Roger Rabbit, Justice League, Elf-Quest, and Huntress. As you can see, I collect a lot of comics.

I'll send you a fashion next time I write in Bye!

Krista Yrrralde, age 11
Chino, CA

You certainly do collect a lot of comics, Krista! We know that BARBIE will be a great addition to your collection!

Do send us your fashion designs (be sure to include your name, age and address) and watch for them in upcoming issues!

And by the way, Krista, you weren't the only one who enjoyed the stories in issue #4!

Dear BARBIE,

I like your Barbie clothes that you wear and the hairstyle you wear.

My dad reads the comic books to me. I am 5 years old. I really like the story "Rain, Rain, Go Away!"

Ashley Parrotte, age 5
Pittsburgh, NY

Someday, Ashley, you'll be able to read BARBIE yourself! Until then, we hope your dad is enjoying them as much as you are!

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Susan Lay
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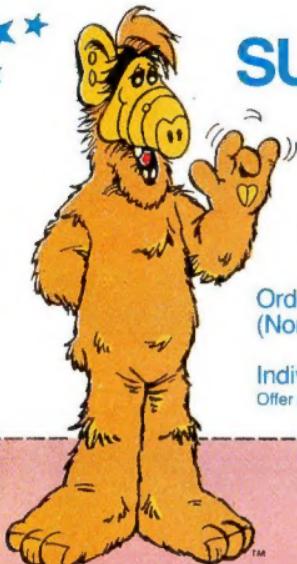
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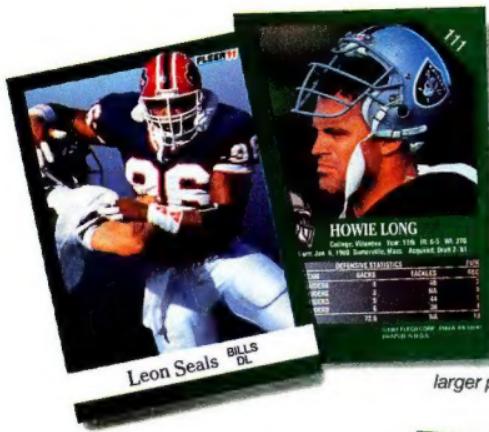
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